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SUBJECT: OAU MEDIATION OF ETHIOPIAN/SOMALI PROBLEM
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1. GARBA TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD INVITED ETHIOPIA,
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SOMALIA, AND THE OAU EIGHT-NATION GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE TO
MEET TOGETHER IN LAGOS IN MID-MARCH IN ATTEMPT RESOLVE HORN
CONFLICT. MEETING WOULD BE AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. WHEN I
ASKED WHETHER, GIVEN APPARENT INTRANSIGENCE FROM BOTH SIDES
TO THE DISPUTE, ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA IN FACT WOULD ATTEND,
HE SAID HE DID NOT YET KNOW WHAT THEIR RESPONSE WOULD BE.
IF THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AND PRODUCED SATISFACTORY RESULTS,

IT WOULD BE FOLLOWED VERY SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY ANOTHER MEETING
IN LAGOS OF THE SAME PARTICIPANTS BUT AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL.
PENDING THE OUTCOME OF HIS CALL FOR THE LAGOS MEETING, GARBA
SAID HE CONTINUED TO OPPOSE ANY SECURITY COUNCIL OR UNITED
NATIONS ROLE. HE IMPLIED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER
SUCH A ROLE IF HIS CURRENT INITIATIVE FAILS.

2. MUST WE MAINTAIN EXDIS HANDLING OF THIS TRAFFIC?

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE
CAPITALS. WE CAN'T FIND OUR LIST.
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